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DE 197 01 172 and the English abstract attached thereto disclose a magazine and carriage for section of a drill rod.

This information is being submitted subsequent to the later of three months after the filing date of the present application or the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing of a final Action or the Notice of Allowance.

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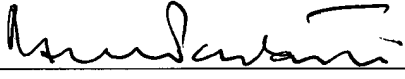
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